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Applicant BellSouth Intellectual Property Corporation
Group Art Unit 3679
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated 21 June 2005, for which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set for 21 September 2005. This communication is believed timely filed on or before 21 October 2005, with a one-month extension of time.

The Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment in connection with an RCE filed in the above application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this document.

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